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January 16, 2007

The House convened at 1:00 p.m. with Speaker B. Patrick Bauer in the Chair.

The Speaker stated, "Having conferred with the Attorney General and no objection raised, the temporary House policy while the prayer lawsuit is pending in the courts will be a scripted prayer."

The Speaker read a prayer for guidance and insight (printed January 8, 2007).

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Representative Philip K. GiaQuinta.

The Speaker ordered the roll of the House to be called:

Austin	Gutwein
Avery	E. Harris
Bardon	T. Harris
Battles	Herrell
Behning	Hinkle
Bell	Hoy
Bischoff	Kersey
Borders	Klinker
Borror	Knollman
Bosma	Koch
C. Brown	Kuzman
T. Brown	L. Lawson
Buck	Lehe
Buell	Leonard
Burton	Lutz
Candelaria Reardon	Mays
Cheatham	McClain
Cheney	Micon
Cherry	Moses
Cochran	Murphy
Crawford	Neese
Crooks	Niezgodski
Crouch	Noe
Davis	Orentlicher
Day	Oxley
Dembowski	Pelath
Denbo	Pflum
Dermody	Pierce
Dickinson	Pond
Dobis	Porter
Dodge	Reske
Duncan	Richardson
Dvorak	Ripley
Eberhart	Robertson
Elrod	Ruppel
Espich	Saunders
Foley	M. Smith
Friend	V. Smith
Frizzell	Soliday
Fry	Stemler
GiaQuinta	Stevenson
Goodin	Stilwell
Grubb	Stutzman

Summers
Thomas
Thompson
Tincher
Torr
Turner
Tyler

Ulmer
VanHaaften
Walorski
Welch
Whetstone
Wolkins
Mr. Speaker

Roll Call 5: 98 present; 2 excused. The Speaker announced a quorum in attendance. [NOTE: indicates those who were excused.]

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

GOODIN

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1181, assigned to the House Committee on Local Government, be withdrawn from further consideration by the House of Representatives.

RESKE

Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee, appointed to transmit to the Senate a concurrent resolution to convene a joint convention of the two houses to receive the Governor's message, reports that it discharged the duty assigned to it. The Senate has concurred with the resolution and will meet with the House in joint convention in the House of Representatives Chambers, at 7:00 p.m. on January 16, 2007, for the purpose of receiving the Governor's message.

BATTLES
DUNCAN

DEMBOWSKI
GUTWEIN

Report adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee, appointed to transmit to the Senate a concurrent resolution to convene a joint convention of the two houses to receive the Chief Justice's message, reports that it discharged the duty assigned to it. The Senate has concurred with the resolution and will meet with the House in joint convention in the House of Representatives Chambers, at 1:30 p.m. on January 17, 2007, for the purpose of receiving the Chief Justice's message.

CANDELARIA REARDON
ELROD

CHEATHAM
THOMAS

Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

House Concurrent Resolution 4

Representative C. Brown introduced House Concurrent Resolution 4:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION encouraging large work sites to actively recruit and support onsite health food vendors.

Whereas, In recent years, the obesity rate in the United States has been increasing at an alarming rate;

Whereas, Employers are spending more than \$13 billion annually on obese and overweight employees;

Whereas, Even as federal and local governments encourage children to eat more healthfully, employers must begin to encourage workers to make better food choices at work;

Whereas, The study "Food at Work: Workplace Solutions for Malnutrition, Obesity and Chronic Diseases" found that improper nutrition costs companies around the world up to 20% in lost productivity;

Whereas, One way for companies to help workers choose healthier food and thereby reduce the amount of lost productivity is to support onsite health food vendors; and

Whereas, When workers enjoy good food at work, employers and employees benefit; when workers are relaxed and well nourished, they are more productive, benefiting their employers and their families: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to encourage large work sites to actively recruit and support onsite health food vendors.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Rogers.

House Concurrent Resolution 5

Representative C. Brown introduced House Concurrent Resolution 5:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting community health workers who provide community outreach and educational programs to the needy in Indiana.

Whereas, Community health workers provide much needed health care to Hoosiers who are unable to obtain or keep adequate health care coverage or to provide the basic necessities for themselves;

Whereas, In order for these individuals to become fully independent, they need more than just health care; they need information and education;

Whereas, Community outreach and educational programs provide this information and education;

Whereas, These programs can make referrals and facilitate access to resources to bring immediate help in a manner designed to preserve the dignity of individuals and their families; and

Whereas, Community outreach and educational programs can raise the quality of life for low income residents of Indiana through social, educational, and economic development programs that can include development and preservation of affordable housing, job creation and training, educational and social programs, and feeding and sheltering the homeless: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to express its support for community health workers who provide

community outreach and educational programs.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Rogers.

House Concurrent Resolution 6

Representative Buck introduced House Concurrent Resolution 6:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Garry Robertson as the 2006 Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award winner.

Whereas, For more than 30 years, the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award has recognized the exceptional performance and distinguished community service of American car dealers;

Whereas, Garry Robertson, owner of Kokomo Chrysler, is the 2006 recipient of the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award;

Whereas, Garry Robertson graduated from Northwood University in 1974 with a degree in automotive marketing;

Whereas, Garry Robertson began working in the dealership his father purchased with Gene Beltz in 1983 and purchased it from his father and Beltz in 1990;

Whereas, Garry Robertson is the current Chairman of the Dealers Election Action Committee (DEAC), a position he has held since 2002 at the conclusion of his term as President of the Automobile Dealers Association of Indiana (ADAI);

Whereas, Garry Robertson served on the board of directors of the Kokomo Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Development Council of Ivy Tech Community College, serving as President of the latter since 2002;

Whereas, Garry Robertson has been a member of the ADAI Board for the past ten years; and

Whereas, Garry Robertson and his wife, Melody, reside in Westfield and have a son, Jared, attending Indiana State University, and a daughter, Christina, attending Westfield High School: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes Garry Robertson for his achievement and his contributions to the community.

SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Garry Robertson and his family.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Drozda.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Labor and Employment, to which was referred House Bill 1060, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

CHENEY, Chair

Report adopted.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

House Bill 1034

Representative Grubb called down House Bill 1034 for second reading. The bill was read a second time by title. There being no amendments, the bill was ordered engrossed.

House Bill 1226

Representative Grubb called down House Bill 1226 for second reading. The bill was read a second time by title. There being no amendments, the bill was ordered engrossed.

OTHER BUSINESS ON THE SPEAKER'S TABLE**Referrals to Ways and Means**

The Speaker announced, pursuant to House Rule 127, that House Bill 1060 had been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Cheatham added as coauthor of House Bill 1011.

KOCH

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Welch added as coauthor of House Bill 1012.

KOCH

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Noe added as coauthor of House Bill 1023.

TORR

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Noe and Neese added as coauthors of House Bill 1024.

TORR

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Day, Crawford, and Murphy added as coauthors of House Bill 1037.

MICON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Crouch added as coauthor of House Bill 1038.

TYLER

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Burton added as coauthor of House Bill 1042.

ORENTLICHER

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Dembowski added as coauthor of House Bill 1060.

AVERY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Austin added as coauthor of House Bill 1061.

KOCH

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Bardon, Burton, and Ruppel added as coauthors of House Bill 1082.

MICON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Hinkle and Stilwell added as coauthors of House Bill 1092.

AVERY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Orentlicher added as coauthor of House Bill 1093.

AVERY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Welch and Behning added as coauthors of House Bill 1109.

FRIZZELL

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Klinker added as coauthor of House Bill 1116.

DUNCAN

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Thompson added as coauthor of House Bill 1119.

CHENEY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Koch added as coauthor of House Bill 1123.

CHERRY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Bauer and Grubb added as coauthors of House Bill 1129.

STILWELL

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Torr added as coauthor of House Bill 1190.

MURPHY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Reske added as coauthor of House Bill 1208.

MICON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Austin and Battles added as coauthors of House Bill 1253.

TINCHER

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Moses added as coauthor of House Bill 1263.

AVERY

Motion prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the following motion:

"I move that Senators Landske, Hershman, Broden, and Sipes be appointed as a committee of four members of the Senate to act with a like committee of the House of Representatives to wait upon the Governor and to escort him to the Chambers of the House of Representatives to deliver his message to the General Assembly on Tuesday, January 16, 2007."

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed House Concurrent Resolution 1 and the same is herewith returned to the House.

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed House Concurrent Resolutions 2 and 3 and the same are herewith returned to the House.

MARY C. MENDEL
Principal Secretary of the Senate

Pursuant to House Rule 60, committee meetings were announced.

The House recessed until the fall of the gavel.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 6:30 p.m. with the Speaker in the Chair.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were read a first time by title and referred to the respective committees:

HB 1091 — Battles

Committee on Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1292 — Orentlicher

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

HB 1293 — Buell

Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1294 — Herrell, Austin, Ulmer

Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

HB 1295 — V. Smith

Committee on Labor and Employment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

HB 1296 — V. Smith

Committee on Labor and Employment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1297 — **Withdrawn pursuant to House Rule 111****HB 1298** — **Withdrawn pursuant to House Rule 111****HB 1299** — Ulmer

Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

HB 1300 — Porter

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1301 — Porter

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1302 — Austin, Candelaria Reardon, Duncan

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1303 — Kersey

Committee on Labor and Employment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1304 — Cheatham, Robertson, Porter, Candelaria Reardon

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1305 — Cheatham

Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning business and other associations and to make an appropriation.

HB 1306 — Cheatham

Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

HB 1307 — Cheatham

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1308 — Cheatham

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.

HB 1309 — Cheatham, Bischoff

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

HB 1310 — Dodge, Pflum

Committee on Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

HB 1311 — Micon, Turner, Klinker

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1314 — Neese

Committee on Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

HB 1315 — Neese

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1316 — Neese

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1317 — Neese

Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1318 — Neese

Committee on Interstate and International Cooperation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1319 — Neese

Committee on Elections and Apportionment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

HB 1320 — Lutz, Grubb

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.

HB 1321 — Neese

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1322 — Crooks

Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

HB 1323 — Crooks

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

HB 1324 — Crooks

Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1325 — Grubb, Hinkle, Moses

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

HB 1326 — T. Brown, C. Brown

Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

HB 1327 — Saunders, Reske

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1328 — Saunders, Reske

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation and to make an appropriation.

HB 1329 — Borrer, Herrell, Reske, Crouch

Committee on Labor and Employment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

HB 1330 — Borrer, Bell, Leonard, Torr

Committee on Labor and Employment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1332 — Borrer

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to repeal a provision of the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1333 — Battles, Oxley, Crooks, Stilwell

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning economic development and to make an appropriation.

HB 1334 — Buell, Crawford

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1336 — C. Brown

Committee on Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1337 — C. Brown

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning tobacco violations.

HB 1338 — C. Brown

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

HB 1339 — C. Brown

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

HB 1340 — C. Brown

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning gaming.

HB 1342 — C. Brown

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

HB 1343 — Day

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

HB 1344 — Tyler, L. Lawson

Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

HB 1345 — Noe, Reske

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety and to make an appropriation.

HB 1346 — Thomas

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1347 — Welch, Bell, Koch

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

HB 1348 — Welch, Koch, Battles, Turner

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

HB 1349 — Welch, Frizzell, Reske

Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1350 — Bardon

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1351 — Bardon

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1352 — Bardon

Committee on Financial Institutions

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning financial institutions.

HB 1353 — Bardon

Committee on Financial Institutions

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning financial institutions.

HB 1354 — Bardon

Committee on Financial Institutions

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning financial institutions.

HB 1355 — Bardon

Committee on Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1356 — Micon, Buell, Welch

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1357 — Tincher

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1358 — Tincher, Cherry

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1359 — Fry

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1360 — Leonard

Committee on Labor and Employment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1361 — Bell

Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

HB 1362 — Bell, GiaQuinta

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

HB 1363 — VanHaaften

Committee on Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1364 — Foley, L. Lawson, Crawford, Thomas

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1366 — Foley, L. Lawson, Crawford, Thomas

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1367 — Stevenson

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

HB 1368 — Stevenson

Committee on Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

HB 1369 — Stevenson

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1370 — Stevenson

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1371 — Stevenson

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1372 — Stevenson

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1373 — Stevenson, Austin
Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

HB 1374 — Stevenson
Committee on Insurance
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1375 — Fry
Committee on Insurance
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1376 — Mays, Welch, C. Brown, Tyler
Committee on Public Health
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1377 — Grubb, Wolkins, Battles, Friend
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1378 — VanHaaften, Crouch
Committee on Insurance
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1379 — Hoy, Friend
Committee on Local Government
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

HB 1380 — Foley
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1381 — L. Lawson, Ulmer, Foley
Committee on Judiciary
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1382 — L. Lawson, Kuzman, Hinkle
Committee on Judiciary
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

HB 1383 — L. Lawson, Ulmer, Foley
Committee on Judiciary
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

HB 1384 — L. Lawson, Ulmer, Foley
Committee on Judiciary
A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1385 — L. Lawson, Welch, Ulmer, Foley
Committee on Judiciary
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1386 — L. Lawson, Welch, Ulmer, Foley
Committee on Judiciary
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1387 — L. Lawson, Bardon, Neese, Denbo
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1388 — Denbo, Welch, Lutz, Borror
Committee on Small Business and Economic Development
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation and to make an appropriation.

HB 1389 — Welch, Porter
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1390 — Welch, Fry
Committee on Insurance
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1391 — Reske, Welch
Committee on Technology, Research and Development
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1392 — Stevenson, Kuzman
Committee on Public Policy
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

HB 1393 — Moses
Committee on Commerce, Energy and Utilities
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

HB 1394 — Buell, Moses, Tincher
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

HB 1395 — Ruppel, Tincher, Pierce
Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures
A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning elections.

HB 1396 — Ruppel
Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil procedure.

HB 1398 — Ruppel, Klinker, Micon, Koch
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1399 — Ruppel, Bischoff, Lehe
Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1400 — Ruppel, Welch, Tincher, Crouch
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

HB 1401 — Ruppel, Tincher, Bischoff, Crouch
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

HB 1402 — Reske, Austin
Committee on Public Policy
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning gaming and to make an appropriation.

HB 1404 — Stutzman

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

HB 1405 — Stutzman

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1406 — Dickinson, Summers

Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

HB 1407 — Pond

Committee on Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1408 — Pond

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1409 — Battles, Ruppel, Grubb

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1410 — Hoy

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1411 — Reske

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1412 — Reske

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1413 — Dembowski, Crouch, Denbo

Committee on Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

HB 1414 — Goodin

Committee on Commerce, Energy and Utilities

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

HB 1416 — Ripley

Committee on Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1417 — Ripley

Committee on Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance and to make an appropriation.

HB 1418 — Burton

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

HB 1419 — Burton

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

HB 1420 — Burton, Grubb

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

HB 1421 — Ripley

Committee on Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1422 — Herrell, Ruppel, Tincher

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

HB 1423 — Pelath, Stutzman

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

HB 1424 — Austin, Micon, Borrer, Moses

Committee on Technology, Research and Development

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning economic development.

HB 1425 — Austin, Grubb, Cherry, Friend

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1426 — Austin, Stevenson, Neese, Mays

Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1427 — Austin, Tincher, Ruppel, L. Lawson

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1428 — Murphy, Hoy

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1429 — Ulmer, Kuzman

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning Medicaid.

HB 1430 — Ulmer

Committee on Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1431 — Buck

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources and to make an appropriation.

HB 1433 — Buck, Grubb

Committee on Small Business and Economic Development

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1435 — Mays

Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

HB 1436 — Stutzman, Bell

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

HB 1437 — Foley, V. Smith

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

HB 1438 — Foley

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

HB 1439 — Foley, Noe

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

HB 1440 — T. Harris

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to repeal a provision of the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1441 — Austin, Reske, Lutz, Gutwein

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning gaming and to make an appropriation.

HB 1442 — Thompson

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1443 — Thompson

Committee on Environmental Affairs

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

HB 1444 — Thompson

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

INTRODUCTION OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following joint resolutions were read a first time by title and referred to the respective committees:

HJR 10 — Stutzman, Davis, T. Harris, Walorski

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 15 of the Indiana Constitution by adding a new Section concerning general provisions.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred Fifteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.

SECTION 2. ARTICLE 15 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: **Section 11. (a) The English language is the official language of the State of Indiana.**

(b) Except as:

(1) provided by laws enacted by the General Assembly;
or

(2) required by federal law;

all laws, rules, official documents, orders, transactions, proceedings, programs, meetings, publications, or actions enacted, adopted, issued, conducted, regulated, or taken by, on behalf of, or representing the state or a political subdivision of the State shall be in the English language.

The House recessed until the fall of the gavel.

RECESS**JOINT CONVENTION**

The members of the 115th General Assembly, meeting in Joint Convention, were called to order at 6:45 p.m. by the Speaker who introduced the Senate leadership, President Pro Tempore David Long, Majority Floor Leader Connie Lawson, Majority Caucus Chair James Merritt, Minority Floor Leader Richard D. Young, Assistant Minority Floor Leader Vi Simpson, and Minority Caucus Chair Sam Smith, the House leadership, Majority Floor Leader Russell L. Stilwell, Majority Caucus Chair F. Dale Grubb, Speaker Pro Tempore Chester F. Dobis, Minority Leader Brian C. Bosma, Minority Floor Leader William C. Friend, and Minority Caucus Chair Kathy Kreag Richardson, and the honored guests as follows: First Lady Cheri Daniels, wife of Governor Mitch Daniels; Melissa and Meredith Daniels, daughters of Governor and Mrs. Daniels; Drew Gradle, fiancée of Meredith Daniels; Steve Skillman, husband of Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman; Cheryl Bosma, wife of House Minority Leader Brian Bosma; Auditor of State Tim Berry; Dr. Suellen Reed, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Attorney General Steve Carter; Secretary of State Todd Rokita; Richard Mourdoch, Treasurer of State; Chief Justice Randall Shepard; Judge James S. Kirsch, Chief Judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals; Justice Frank Sullivan, Jr.; Justice Ted Boehm; Justice Brent Dickson; Justice Robert Rucker; Amy MacDonell, wife of Chief Justice Shepard; Judge Michael P. Barnes; Judge Paul D. Mathias; Judge Nancy H. Vaidik; Judge Carr L. Darden; Judge Terry A. Crone; Judge John G. Baker; Judge Melissa S. May; Judge Edward W. Najam, Jr.; Judge John T. Sharpnack; Judge Margaret G. Robb; Judge Patrick D. Sullivan; Tax Judge Thomas Fisher; Wayne County Sheriff Matt Strittmatter; Valparaiso Mayor Jon Costas; Franklin Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews; Logansport Mayor Michael Fincher; and Marion County Superior Court Judge Cale Bradford.

The Speaker yielded the gavel to Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman, President of the Senate, who convened the joint session and presented the Governor as follows:

"Members of the Joint Assembly: Pursuant to Section 13 of Article 5 of the Indiana Constitution, this Joint Convention of the two houses of the Indiana General Assembly is now convened for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor of the State of Indiana.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and Senate, and distinguished guests, I have the high honor and distinct privilege of presenting to you the Governor of the State of Indiana, the Honorable Mitch Daniels, Jr."

Governor Daniels was escorted to the rostrum by Representatives Battles, Dembowski, Duncan, and Gutwein and Senators Landske, Hershman, Broden, and Sipes.

STATE OF THE STATE

"Ladies and gentlemen of the General Assembly, I thank you as always for the privilege of this podium. I recognize how unique the opportunity is, and I will try never to misuse your hospitality.

This is my third trip to this very special place and, while the awe of it will never diminish, the setting has become somewhat familiar. I say "somewhat", because somehow, something is different. Something....something....oh, Representative Bauer, you've changed seats! You look good up there. Thank you for watching my back.

Fun aside, there is something different about this chamber in 2007, and the way we all approach that difference will matter to every citizen of our state. For the last two years, there were two ways to get things done for Indiana. Now, there is only one way, the way of bipartisan cooperation, to make progress. I'm ready if you all are.

The speech you summon me to deliver is named the "State of the State." It is supposed to be a report on the year past and our condition as a new year begins. Although there is much to relate, I'll be brief about what is past, because Indiana in our day must be all about our future, and the changes necessary to ensure it will be a great one.

By any conceivable yardstick, 2006 was a strong year for Indiana. To mention only the brightest of highlights:

State government's 600 million dollar structural deficit is a thing of the past. We achieved a balanced budget not in several years, as many said would be needed, not in two years, as the budget you passed projected, but in one short year. The leanest budget in 55 years, plus businesslike management of every single department, produced this result. We did it the old-fashioned way, by holding spending below our income, without a cent of new taxation. This ahead-of-schedule success enabled us to repay the public school systems of this state the money withheld from them for years by a state government short on cash.

Much is written these days about an America divided between "blue" states and "red" states. The close division of this chamber tonight exposes that concept as simplistic. As a believer that competition is healthy, that is fine with me. But as we compete about whether Indiana will be a blue state or a red state, let's agree together that Indiana will not be a red ink state, not in 2007 or ever again.

A year ago, Indiana actually had not one deficit but two. Our operating deficit was small compared to a multi-billion dollar shortfall in transportation funding, the gap between the roads we agreed we needed and the dollars coming in from gasoline taxes. That deficit is also a thing of the past, without a penny of gas tax increase or a penny of new borrowing costs left to our children. The money to build a more prosperous future is now in trust, earning interest of a half million dollars a day. 2006 launched an historic era of road building. We will add hundreds of miles of roads, assets we would never have had otherwise, to our public works inventory. A new construction record will be set every year for the next decade, with thousands of new jobs attached to each year's record.

We needn't argue further about the actions that produced this result. Our common opportunity now is to reinvest our bonanza wisely, quickly but efficiently, in new, permanent public assets that will bring the most jobs and hope to our tomorrows. I welcome the Assembly's help and oversight.

As a competitor in the wide-open tournament of today's world economy, our state had a 2006 that will be nearly impossible to match. All records for new investment were shattered. Hiring begins this year at Honda, at Toyota, at American General and more than a hundred other places where companies with a world of options chose Indiana to invest their money and create new jobs. Only a few other states welcomed even a single major automotive plant last year. We shook hands on three.

With our new tax credit program plus a lot of hustle, we have gone from nowhere to national leadership in the promising sector

of renewable fuels. In just 18 months, we have grown from one ethanol plant producing 100 million gallons per year to 21 biofuels plants soon to generate 1.7 billion gallons annually. Best of all, like the two major clean coal projects that chose Indiana this year, these new businesses are all located in the smaller towns, places like Clymers, and Claypool, and Cloverdale, to which we are so determined to bring new hope and economic life.

The nationally-recognized telecommunications bill you passed is having exactly the predicted effect. Dozens of our smallest towns, places like Dana and Dugger, Tennyson and Lagro now have high-speed, broadband connection to the Internet and to the paying customers of the world.

I cite these successes not in celebration but as proof that we can do great things in this state when we aim high and have the courage to make change and tackle our problems head-on. 2007 must be another year of change, and forward progress.

As I said, we previously had two alternative means for action. One was the path of cooperation, the other the path of party unity. They are not equal; cooperation is always the best way. It honors the contributions of all, and fosters enduring support for the policies it produces.

Now we have only one path upward. The cooperation that has eluded us on most occasions is now the only alternative to stalemate and paralysis. If I too often did not find the words to bring it about, I will have to do better, and find them now. Let me then submit an agenda for greatness, built on items that might unite those who have recently found too little common ground.

The better education of our children is a shared goal and a top priority of every Hoosier I know. The best efforts of today's committed educators have not sufficed to produce the results today's world demands. When one in four Hoosier kids drops out, when one in three fails even that very basic measure we call ISTEP, when 30 percent of those who complete high school go no further, when our state has the 6th lowest percentage of college graduates in America, we are not getting the job done.

The main reason I pressed for an immediate return to balanced budgets was so that we could again have the funds to strengthen public education. I hope this Assembly will provide at least a quarter billion dollars in new funding for the system as it stands today.

But the time has come to augment that system, to make certain that every Indiana child arrives at first grade ready for the tasks ahead. After years of study, debate, and failed attempts, let's make an irrevocable commitment to full-day kindergarten for every family that wants it, starting with our lowest-income children, starting when school opens this fall.

Cooperation requires giving credit where it is due. This proposal came first from members of the Democratic party. It was your governors, and many of your legislators still serving, who first advanced and attempted this step. You were right.

After listening for months to educators, parents, and all the experts I could find, I have laid out one possible approach that tries to blend the many disparate views on this topic. To both sides of this chamber, I say, modify that proposal, refine and improve it as I know you can, but let's act now, together, to make full day kindergarten real in 2007.

Formal education begins in kindergarten, but for successful lives today and tomorrow, it never ends. Family-supporting jobs from now on will almost always require not merely a quality high school learning experience but continuing education beyond. Bolstering higher education in Indiana is another area on which we can join hands and cooperate.

How sadly ironic to be a state with so few college graduates,

when we are blessed with such a vibrant network of colleges and universities, public and private. From our three research universities at one end, to a fast-improving community college system at the other, we have the infrastructure, the potential, to stand out from the pack. The states that achieve economic leadership in this century will be those that are home to centers of true excellence in higher education.

By converting the Indiana Lottery from a state bureaucracy to a franchised, regulated utility, treating it exactly as we already treat casino gaming and horserace gaming, we can keep all the revenue it brings in today and still assemble a billion dollars or more for a major leap forward in higher education.

Actually, for two leaps. First, let's create Hoosier Hope Scholarships, dollars that throw open the doors of higher education to more of our most talented young people, while ensuring that they stay here in Indiana and help us build a stronger tomorrow. Let's make the dreary term "brain drain", a forgotten phrase.

And let's invest the rest in bringing new world-class researchers and teachers to any public institution that can recruit them. Let's vault over other states, until the world looks at the universities of Indiana with admiration and envy. Until our schools routinely spin off the new discoveries, new inventions, and diverse, high-quality jobs that Hoosier Hope winners will demand.

On one of the first nights of my almost four years of constant travel through our state, I sat with a proud grandmother in the far southwest county of Posey. When I asked what a new governor should spend his energy on, she pulled out a photo of her infant grandson, and told me "Bring children like this home." In a story I have since heard over and over, the lady related how her daughter and son-in-law had each graduated from Indiana colleges, but then taken their talents elsewhere in pursuit of better job opportunities. Let's join together in actions that will, over time, keep more of our children and grandchildren here with us.

Another issue that knows no party lines is health care. No one can fail to care about those whose lives are blighted or even shortened by avoidable illness. No one can fail to care about those who will go to bed tonight without the peace of mind of knowing that they are protected against financial ruin from a misfortune related to their family's health.

I say "no one" because this is truly every Hoosier's problem. Those blessed with good health themselves pay the bill for others who fall prey to avoidable illness. The costs imposed by America's second-highest rate of smoking amount to more than a billion dollars a year, all by themselves. Those who have health insurance pay excessive premiums to cover the shifted costs of those without.

We have it in our power to make a huge difference. We know how to reduce smoking, and in particular to dissuade young people from starting to smoke. It starts with a higher price for the product. It is no coincidence that Hoosiers pay less for cigarettes than the vast majority of Americans and smoke at the highest rates around.

But we can and must do more. Back when state government was struggling with deficits, our tobacco reduction programs were cut by two-thirds. They should be restored, to levels where they can be fully effective.

The expensive consequences of smoking are self-inflicted and take years to develop, but preventable illness comes to the young and innocent also. Did you know that almost one fourth of Hoosier children, most of them low-income and minority, do not receive their immunizations before arriving at grade school? I confess I didn't, and I hope you find this fact as unacceptable as I do.

What's good for kids is good for taxpayers and premium payers, too. Every dollar spent to immunize a child saves seventeen dollars later when they don't get measles, or whooping cough, or hepatitis and spread it to other children. What better goal to come together on than a very direct, very affordable program to protect the wellbeing of our little ones?

Lastly, we can use the revenue from higher-cost tobacco products to bring peace of mind to thousands of Hoosier families. The health insurance plan I have proposed would provide full protection against financial hardship, the power to make personal health care choices, and free preventive care to promote wellness and lower future health costs. It is constructed to be as large as this Assembly chooses: the more you raise the cost of cigarettes, the more Hoosiers can be provided coverage. I hope you think big.

As with full day kindergarten, let's give credit where it is due. While members of both parties have lifted up the cause of the uninsured, those calls came earlier and more often from those in the loyal opposition. Armed with your passion, and our practical plan, the goal is in reach and the time is at hand. Let's join hands to get the job done.

Indiana is a state of patriots. One sees it not just on Independence Day, Memorial Day, or Veterans Day but every day. When you hold my job, you see it most unforgettably at the funerals of the fallen.

But our treatment of those who serve in uniform does not fully reflect the love and gratitude we feel for them. It does not match that of other states. Patriotism knows no party label; please join me in upgrading the way we support our soldiers, veterans, and the families who have sacrificed with them to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

And let's not penalize veterans, or education, or other priorities by using even more state tax dollars to subsidize local government spending. Raising Hoosiers' state taxes just to recycle the money back to localities is a shell game with no winner, a treadmill we must step off. The right answer to excessive property taxes is more local freedom to shift from property taxation to other revenue sources. So for the third time I ask the Assembly to support the request of local leaders for more home rule and the accountability that goes with it.

One more subject about which the people in this room surely agree is the goal of more jobs, more income, and a higher living standard for Hoosiers today and tomorrow. The policies that helped us catch the pack in first-generation ethanol should now be modified so we can lead in the biomass ethanol that comes next. Please help us also by broadening our clean coal incentives to ensure that Indiana leads that energy revolution, too.

Nothing gives rise to great jobs more directly than great roads. Again and again, the new companies who make up our current hot streak have testified that our transportation network, present and soon to come, was a decisive factor in their pro-Indiana decision.

An Illiana Expressway, enabling through traffic to move around rather than through our Northwest corner, could alleviate the growing congestion that now discourages new business in that vital part of our state. In Central Indiana, a new Indiana Commerce Connector, linking four interstates at six job-magnetic hubs, could give a large swath of our state another big edge on the competition. Local leaders all around both these potential routes have reacted with enthusiasm to their potential to invigorate their economies.

If these roads can be built not by tax dollars but by private capital; if their upkeep can be paid for by tolls on mainly out-of-state vehicles; if they allow us to avoid enormous, constant expense repairing and expanding the clogged highways we have

today; and if Indiana can collect a significant fee for the temporary franchise right to operate these roads, money we could use for investments elsewhere around the state, then this is an enormous opportunity, not to be missed.

I would be pleased to accept any reasonable terms this Assembly might prescribe for investigating this opportunity. Let us be partners in exploring two more bold steps toward a more prosperous future.

Better education, for our youngest children and for our brightest graduates. Protection, prevention, and peace of mind through dramatic improvements in Indiana health care. Fairer treatment of those in uniform today and those who preceded them in service to our nation. Bold moves for excellence in higher education, transportation, and the energy forms of the future, to restore the economic leadership that a previous generation of Hoosiers once knew. Are these not goals we all share? Are these not actions on which we can come together?

They must be. Inaction is not an option. Doing nothing has huge costs. Today's world leaves in the dust those who stand still.

Indiana in 2007 is alive with promise. Honda sees it. Sysco sees it. Cummins, Jeffboat, and Toyota, Nestle's, Pfizer, and Fed Ex all see the promise of Indiana. So do all those new biofuels producers, and more than a hundred companies of all kinds we are talking to right now about bringing still more jobs for our people.

It is history's assignment to the few of us here to summon the imagination, the courage, and the bipartisanship to maximize that promise for the six million Hoosiers who hired us to do the public's business for them.

The poet wrote about the "ship of state", but our state tonight more closely resembles that traditional Indiana watercraft, the canoe, which makes progress only when both passengers pull together. Paddled on one side only, it just turns in circles. If either side chooses to dig in its paddle stubbornly enough, it can even tip the boat over. But with a common heading, and a shared effort, the canoe can be the fastest boat on the water.

My colleague from California was kind enough to send me his own message from last year. He spoke eloquently of the issues facing that largest and most complex of our forty-nine sisters, and I learned a lot from reading it. But at its end, Governor Schwarzenegger made one comment to which I must take gentle exception.

To his fellow Californians, the governor said "We must remember that this is the state that represents a dream.... (T)he California dream – that means something. If you talked about the Illinois dream or the Delaware dream or the Kentucky dream, no one would know what you meant." He didn't mention Indiana, but that was just by chance.

Tonight, we say to America, there is an Indiana dream. It imagines a state of high incomes and healthy families. A state open to the world, with the self-confidence that comes from regular victories in the global competition for dollars and jobs. A state known for excellence, where the world's brightest come to learn and invest, whose most talented young people stay and put down their roots.

Of course there is an Indiana dream.

I once worked for another Californian, who had a vision even larger than the state from which he came. He once said, "We have every right to dream great dreams. After all, we are Americans." Ronald Reagan knew, and we know tonight: Big dreams belong to Hoosiers, too.

God bless this Assembly and this great state."

The President of the Senate adjourned the joint convention.

The House reconvened with the Speaker in the Chair.

On the motion of Representative Stilwell, the House adjourned at 8:00 p.m., this sixteenth day of January, 2007, until Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

B. PATRICK BAUER
Speaker of the House of Representatives

CLINTON McKAY
Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives